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VENGEANCE OF THE

MOON KNIGHT

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MERCENARY MARC SPECTOR DIED AND WAS REBORN IN THE SHADOW OF KHONSHU, THE EGYPTIAN GOD OF THE MOON. SPECTOR BECAME MOON KNIGHT, THE FIST OF KHONSHU, TO FIGHT EVIL. THROUGH HIS MIDNIGHT MISSION, HE WAS THE DEFENDER OF ALL THOSE WHO TRAVEL AT NIGHT.

VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT

"8-BALL"

IN THE WAKE OF MARC SPECTOR'S DEATH, A FAKE MOON KNIGHT TOOK UP THE MANTLE AND, IN MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF, INCITED INCREASED VIOLENCE AND FEAR AMONG THE CRIMINAL UNDERBELLY AND BEGAN CORRODING THE LEGACY THAT MARC HAD LEFT BEHIND. DETERMINED TO PROTECT MARC'S REPUTATION AND EVERYTHING THE MOON KNIGHT MANTLE STANDS FOR, HUNTER'S MOON AND TIGRA TOOK IT AS A PERSONAL MISSION TO BRING THIS FALSE MOON KNIGHT DOWN. USING THE MEMORIES OF A PREVIOUS FIST OF KHONSHU, THEY DISCOVERED THE IDENTITY OF THIS IMPOSTOR TO BE MAX COLERIDGE—A.K.A. THE SHROUD!

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THE
SHROUD?

MOON
KNIGHT IS THE
SHROUD?

HAH.



ACCORDING
TO *TIGRA*,
YES.

HAVE YOU
MET HIM
BEFORE?

BEFORE HE
WHIPPED MY ASS,
YOU MEAN? DON'T
THINK SO.

WELL,
I—

B-BALL, I'M
SORRY, BUT ARE
YOU CERTAIN YOU
SHOULD BE SITTING
THERE?

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. NOW.



HONESTLY,
NO.

BUT IT'S
ABOUT THE ONLY
THING KEEPING ME FROM
HAVING A *NERVOUS*
BREAKDOWN
RIGHT NOW.


THE MOUNT.
THEN.

YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE LEFT ME
ALONE!

YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE LET ME
BE. HUNTER'S
MOON!

NO.

NOT WHILE
YOU WEAR WHAT
DOESN'T BELONG
TO YOU.



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLAYING AT, MAX?

YOU AND NARC AND I...WE ALL GO BACK TO THE WEST COAST AVENGERS DAYS!

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, TIGRA.

THINGS CHANGE.

WELL

YOU SHOULD HAVE REMAINED AS THE SHROUD.

A FITTING DRESS FOR A DEAD MAN.

NOW.

SO, LIKE...
WAS THE SHROUD
A GOOD GUY OR
A BAD GUY?

I'M PRETTY
SURE HE WAS
SETTING HIMSELF
UP AS THE L.A.
KINGPIN A
WHILE BACK.

HE GOES
BACK AND FORTH.
IT APPEARS, I TRY TO
STAY CURRENT ON
THESE THINGS, BUT
SOMETIMES...

BUT I
SUPPOSE THAT'S
NOTHING NEW TO
YOU, IS IT,
B-BALL?

OR
WOULD
YOU PREFER
"JEFF"?



NAH, JEFF
HAGGLES IS
JUST ANOTHER
LOSER.

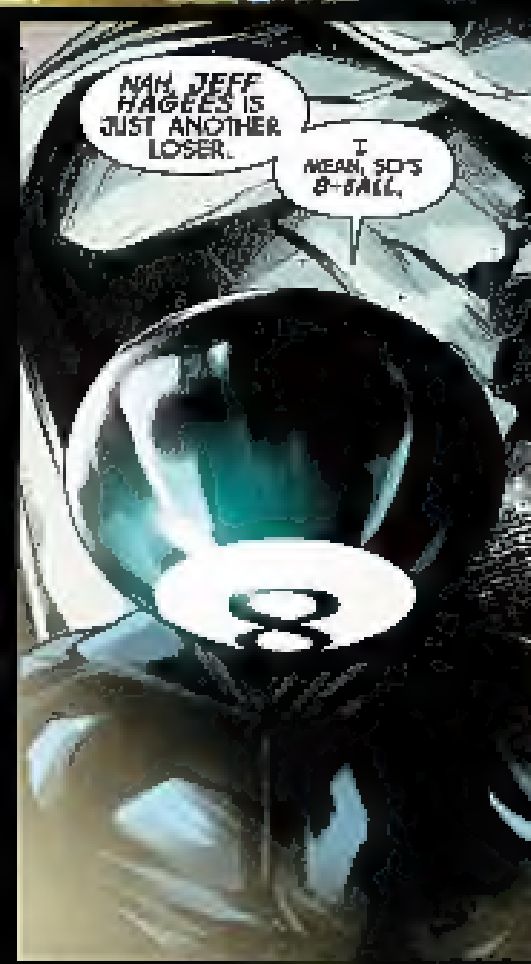
I
MEAN, SO'S
B-BALL.

BUT I'M
TURNING THAT
AROUND,
RIGHT?

I'M DOING
GOOD. I'M DOING
BETTER. I EVEN SAVED
MOON KNIGHT'S LIFE.
BACK ON HART
ISLAND!

MOON
KNIGHT TURNED
THINGS AROUND.

THAT
MEANS I
CAN TOO.



THEN.

"THE
SHROUL"
THAT NAME
STANDS ONLY FOR
FAILURE.

WORSE
A CRAZY
FAILURE.

MAX,
DONT--

EVERYONE
LEFT ME.
NO ONE
UNDERSTOOD
ME.

THE ONLY
ONE WHO COULD
UNDERSTAND ME...

WAS
MOON
KNIGHT.

AND HE'S
DEAD.



NOW.

THING
YOU GOT TO
UNDERSTAND IS,
ALL US **SUPER**
VILLAINS—

—ONES WHO
AREN'T **CRAZIES**,
THAT IS—

—WE'RE ALL
SPIT-SCARED
OF **MOON**
KNIGHT.

EVERYONE
KNOWS WHAT
HE USED TO BE
LIKE.

EVERYONE
KNOWS WHAT
HE DID TO **RAUL**
BUSHMAN.

AND I
THOUGHT THAT
WAS ALL THERE
WAS TO HIM,
YOU KNOW?

AND IT
WAS KIND
OF COOL
TOO?

YOU WERE
IMPRESSED BY
HIS BRUTALITY?

I MEAN,
NOT PER
SE.

BUT HE
WAS THE **BIG**
DOG. AND PEOPLE
RESPOND TO
THAT.

SHORT OF
THE **PUNISHER**,
MOON KNIGHT WAS
THE **SCARIEST**.

AND AT
LEAST THE
PUNISHER WOULD
ONLY SHOOT
YOU.



I'M
NOT CERTAIN
I FOLLOW.



OH,
RIGHT!

IT WASN'T
TILL WE WERE
LOCKED UP IN THE
MIDNIGHT THAT
I UNDERSTOOD
WHAT THAT COST
HIM.

HE'D LOST
EVERYTHING—
FAMILY, FRIENDS.
EVERYTHING—
BEING MOON KNIGHT.
BECOMING THE
BIG DOG.

BUT HE
DIDN'T WANT TO
BE THE BIG DOG
ANYMORE. HE
WANTED TO BE
BETTER.

*SEE DEVIL'S REIGN: MOON KNIGHT #1!



THAT WAS
WHEN I GOT TO
THINKING, FOR
THE FIRST TIME.

BEING A
SUPER VILLAIN
HADN'T GOT ME
ANYWHERE.

AND IF THIS
GUY, THE GUY WE
ALL THOUGHT WAS
SUCH A BADASS,
WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE
LOSING EVERYTHING
AND STILL WANTED
TO DO BETTER...



...THEN
WHAT WAS
STOPPING
ME?

WHAT DID
I HAVE TO
LOSE?



MAYBE I'M NOT
A BADASS, KNOWING
WHAT IT COST MOON
KNIGHT. MAYBE I
DON'T WANT
TO BE.

BUT SEEING
WHAT WANTING TO
BE BETTER BROUGHT
HIM—THIS PLACE, THESE
PEOPLE—THAT WAS
WHAT I WANTED.

THEN.

TIGRA!

I'M GOON

DO WE
TAKE THIS TO
THE STREET?

YEAH.

HE'S
GOING TO COME
AFTER US.

YOU DON'T
THINK HE'S GOING
TO RUN AWAY?



NO.

NOW THAT
WE KNOW WHO
HE IS...

"HE
CAN'T LET US
GET AWAY

NOW.

SO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE A SUPER HERO NOW?

AW, I DUNNO.

SEEMS LIKE KIND OF A WEIRD THING TO CALL YOURSELF, RIGHT?

IT WOULD BE NICE THOUGH.

"B-BALL SUPER HERO."

MAYBE I'LL GET THERE SOMEDAY.

IF I DON'T DIE FIRST.

THAT'S.

THAT'S ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY.

WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING...

HEY, DON'T WORRY, DOC.

WE'RE IN THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. I'LL LOOK AFTER US.

IT WILL, YES.

BUT I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH MARC—WITH MOON KNIGHT.

AND HIS CONCERN WAS ALWAYS THIS: WHO'S LOOKING AFTER THE ONES LEFT OUT THERE?

THEN!

HE WOULD
UNDERSTAND.

WE WERE
FRIENDS.

I CAN'T BE THE SHROUD
ANYMORE, BECAUSE THE
SHROUD IS CRAZY!
THE SHROUD IS
DANGEROUS!

JUST LIKE
MOON KNIGHT
HAD BEEN!

BUT PEOPLE
LOVE MOON
KNIGHT NOW! PEOPLE
TRUST MOON KNIGHT.
RESPECT MOON KNIGHT!

SO, YOU THINK
THAT YOU CAN
BECOME
HIM?

THAT YOU
CAN STEAL THE
GOOD NAME HE
WORKED HARD
TO BUILD?

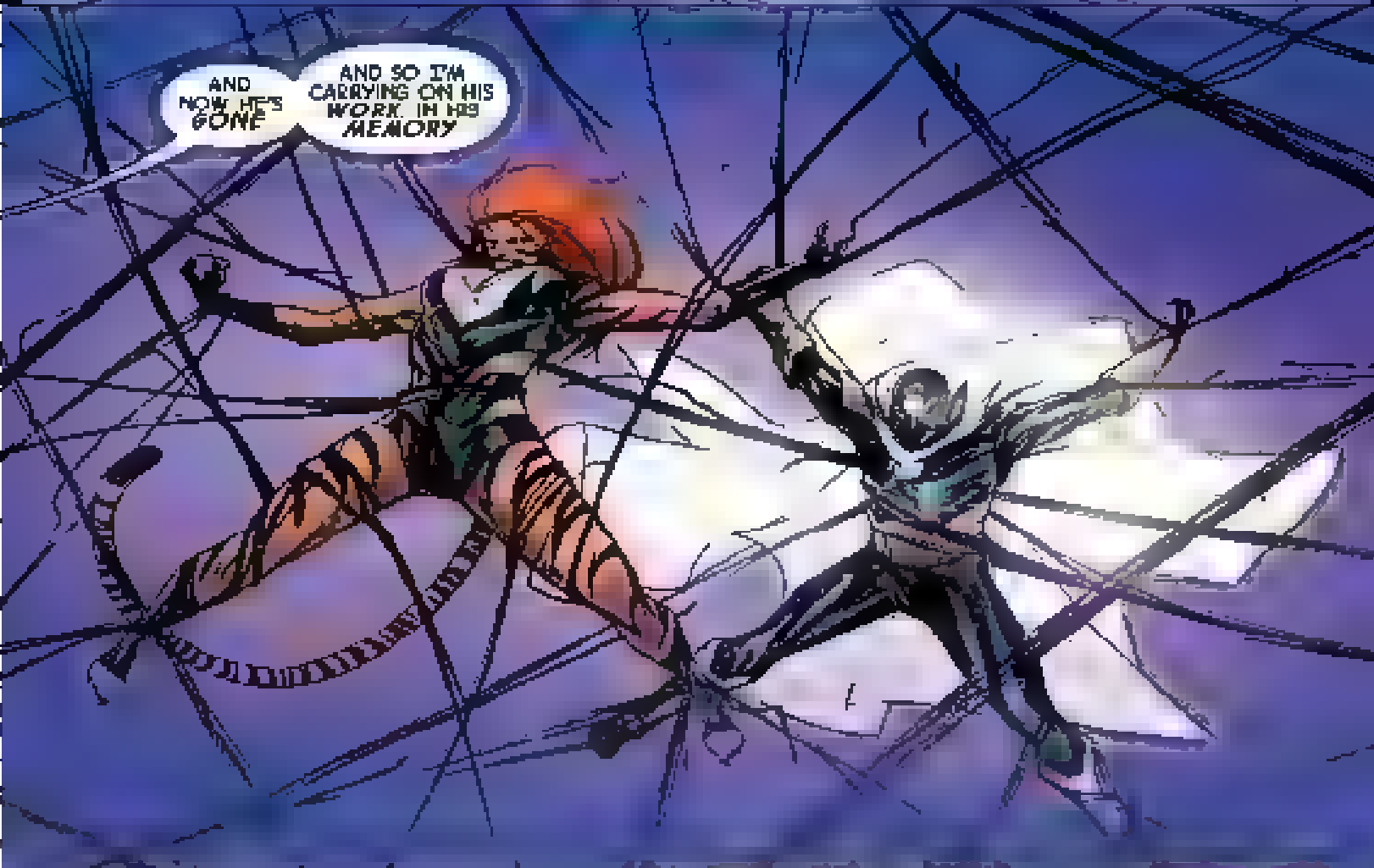
THAT
HE DIED
FOR?



I AM
HONORING
HIM

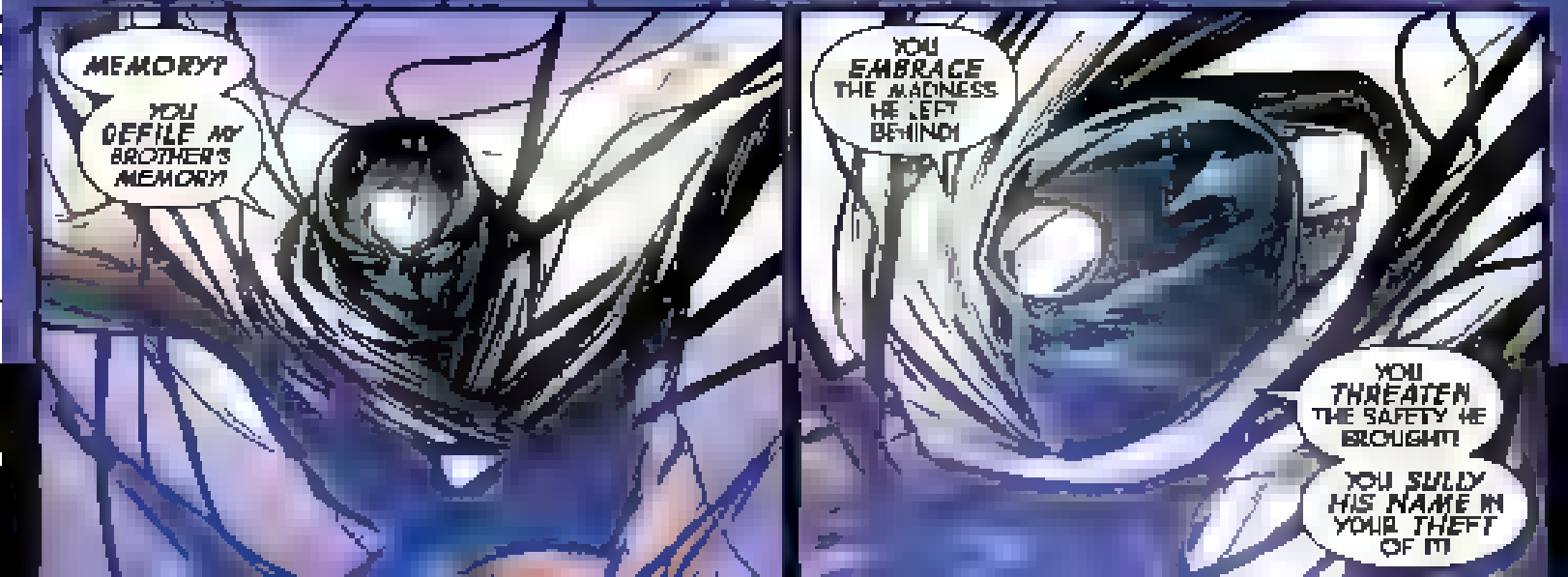
WE FOUGHT
LORE AND MASTER
PANDEMONIUM
TOGETHER. FOUGHT
TAURUS...

I INVITED
HIM TO JOIN MY
NIGHT SHIFT!



AND
NOW HE'S
GONE

AND SO I'M
CARRYING ON HIS
WORK IN HIS
MEMORY



MEMORY?

YOU
DEFILE MY
BROTHER'S
MEMORY!

YOU
EMBRACE
THE MADNESS
HE LEFT
BEHIND

YOU
THREATEN
THE SAFETY HE
BROUGHT!

YOU SULLY
HIS NAME IN
YOUR THEFT
OF IT!



NO—
NO, IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT—

I LOST
THE WOMAN
I LOVED—

I CAN'T
BE THE SHROUD,
NOT LIKE THAT

SHE HATES
ME NOW. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND WHAT
THAT'S LIKE—

NO.

BUT
MARE
DID



MOON
KNIGHT LOVED
A WOMAN ONCE
WOMAN NAMED
MARLENE

THEY
WENT WAY
BACK.

THEY
EVEN HAVE A KID
TOGETHER. AND HE
LOST THEM BOTH
BECAUSE OF WHO
HE WAS, WHAT
HE DID.

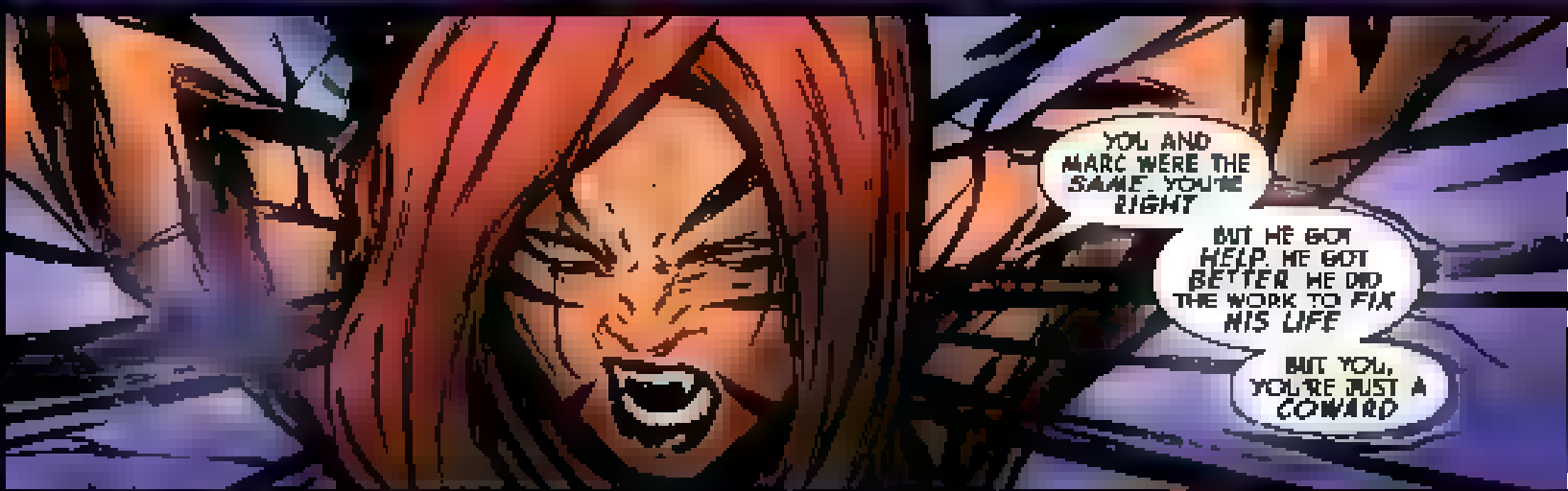
BUT
HE DIDN'T
THEN STEAL
DAREDEVIL'S
NAME AND DRAG
IT IN THE DIRT



HE
DID THE
WORK



WHAT?



YOU AND
MARC WERE THE
SAME. YOU'RE
RIGHT.

BUT HE GOT
HELP. HE GOT
BETTER. HE DID
THE WORK TO FIX
HIS LIFE.

BUT YOU,
YOU'RE JUST A
COWARD.



I—

NO.
I—I—

MOON KNIGHT
FOUGHT THE
AVENGERS.
CONQUERED FOR
AN INSANE GOD.
HE FELL ABOUT AS
LOW AS A MAN
COULD.

BUT
HE DIED
A HERO. A
HERO I
LOVED.

AND HE
LEFT A LEGACY
ONE THAT HE BUILT
ONE THAT WE BUILT
WITH HIM.



IT'S
NOT YOURS,
MAX. YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT DON'T
YOU?

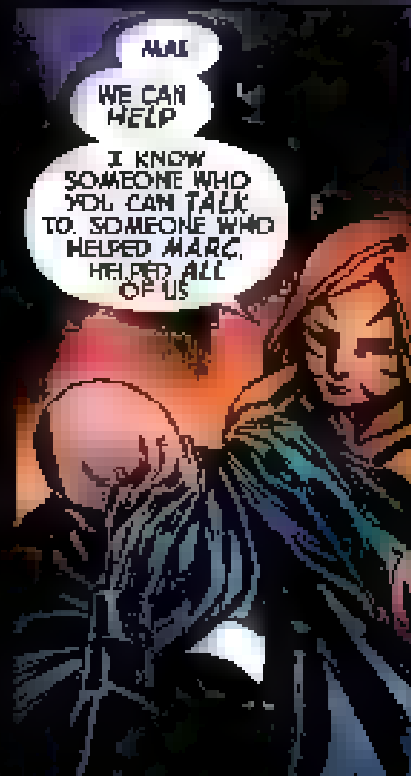


IF YOU WANT IT TO MEAN ANYTHING, YOU NEED TO BUILD YOUR OWN LEGACY!



DO WE?

NO.
IT'S OVER



MAX
WE CAN HELP

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO YOU CAN TALK TO. SOMEONE WHO HELPED MARC. HELPED ALL OF US



TERA.
I THINK I NEED--

I'M SORRY, I JUST WANTED H SO BADLY--



I KNOW, MAX.

YOU JUST WANTED TO BE A HERO.



COME ON,
LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE

OKAY

CRASH



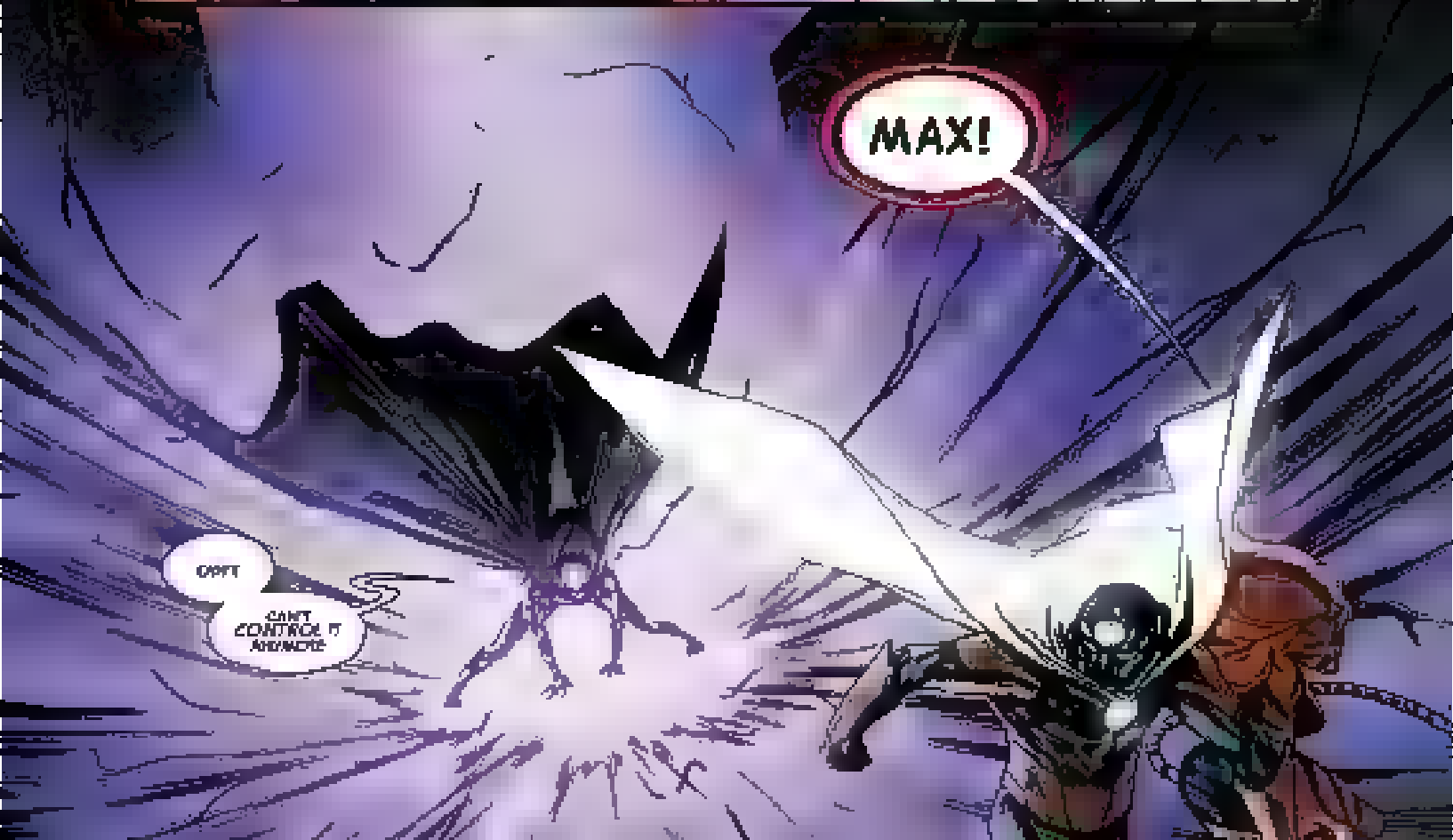
OH

OH, WHAT'S
HAPPENING--



MAX,
WHAT'S GOING
ON--

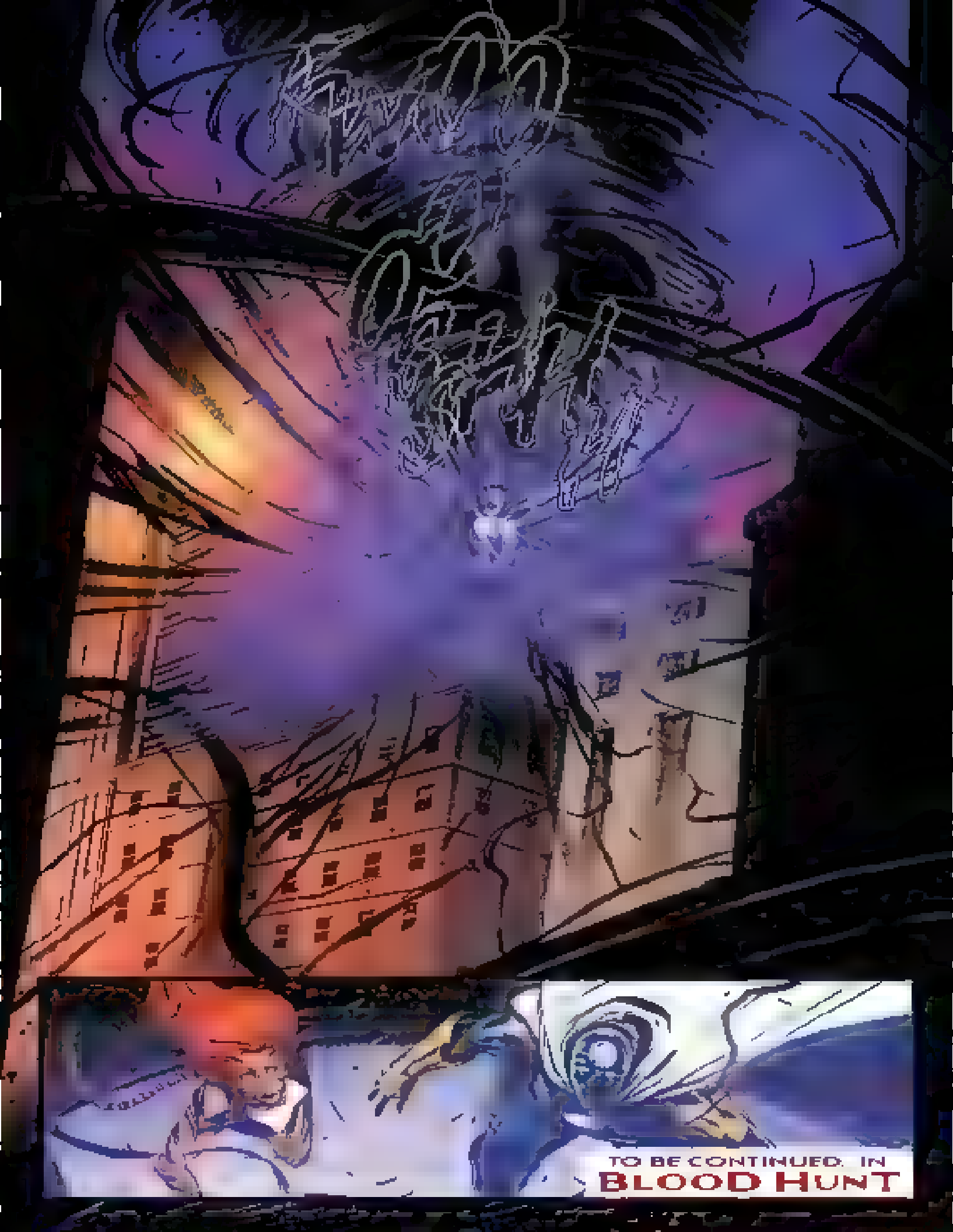
TIGRA, GET
BACK--



MAX!

CRASH

CAN'T
CONTROL IT
ANYMORE



TO BE CONTINUED. IN
BLOOD HUNT

NOW.

"WHO'S
LOOKING AFTER
THE ONES LEFT
OUT THERE?"

THAT'S...

THAT'S
RIGHT. THAT'S
WHAT MOON
KNIGHT WOULD
THINK ABOUT
ISN'T IT?



THE MIDNIGHT MISSION
ISN'T FOR PROTECTING
ME. MAKING SURE I'M
SAFE AND SOUND

THE MIDNIGHT
MISSION IS FOR
THEM.

THAT'S
THE POINT
OF IT



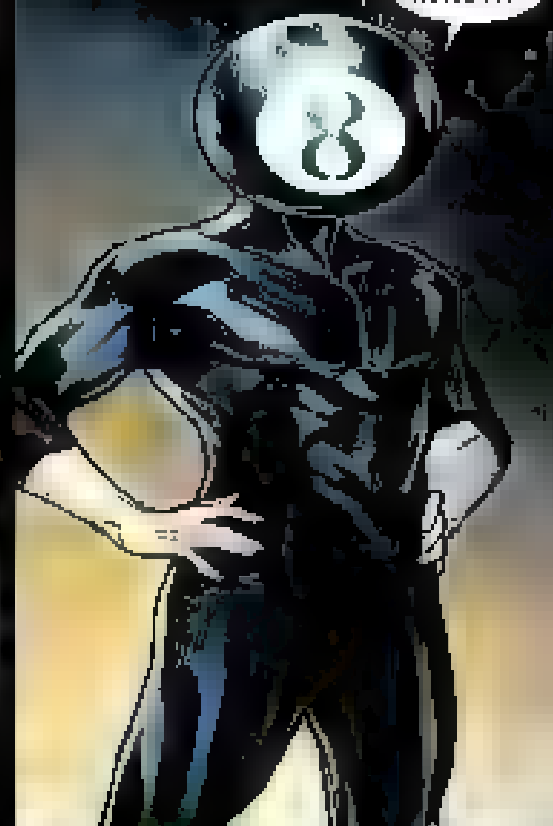
THAT'S
WHY HE BUILT
THIS.



HEY
DOC

YOU DON'T
GOT TO TELL ME
IF IT'S A, YOU KNOW,
DOCTOR-PATIENT
THING.

BUT,
MOON
KNIGHT



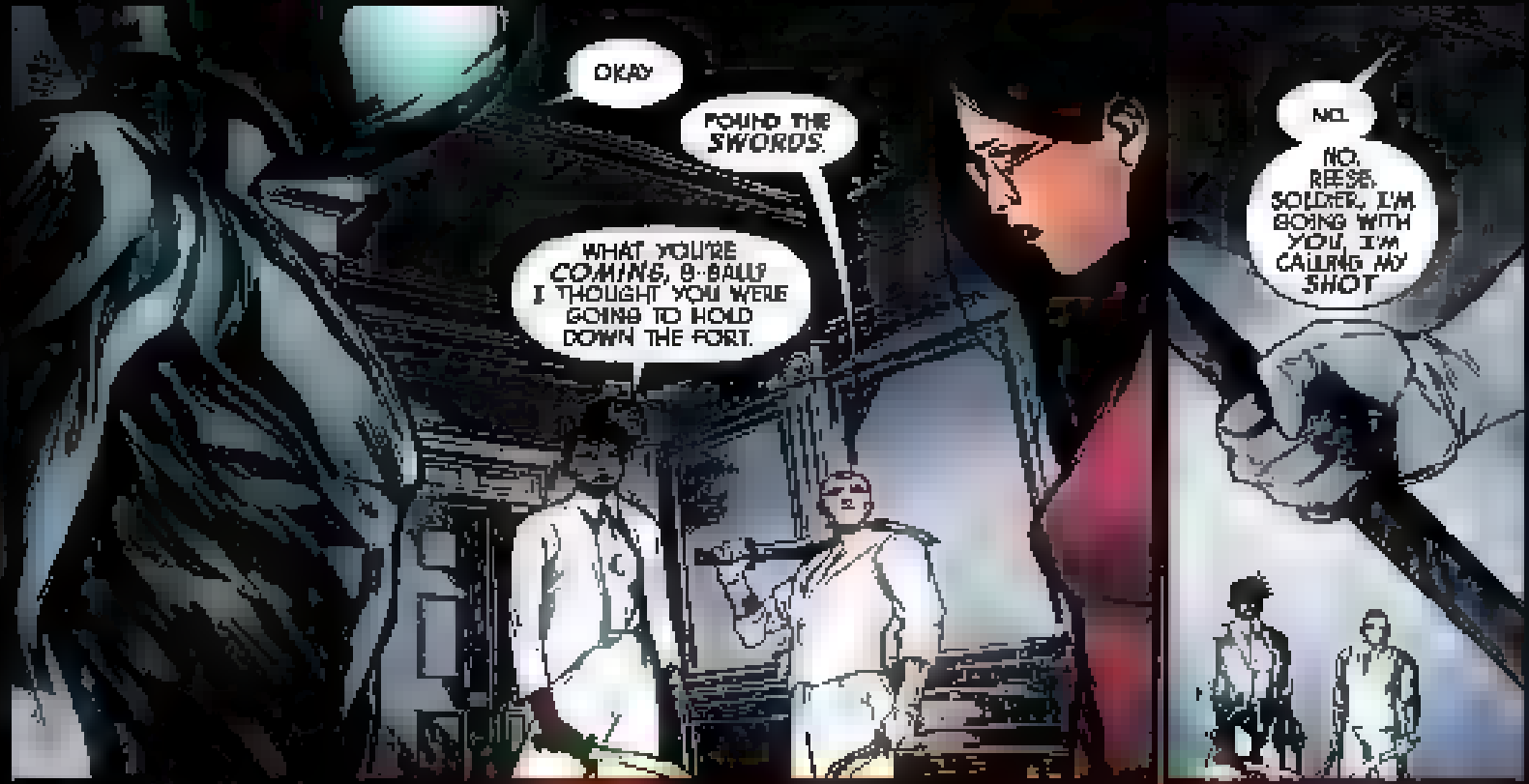
WAS...

WAS
HE EVER
AFRAID?

ALMOST
ALL THE TIME,
B-BALL

BUT HE NEVER
LET IT STOP HIM,
FOR BETTER OR
WORSE





MISSION CONTROL

Here we go, Lunar-tics! The Marvel Comics crossover event of the year has officially kicked off, and it's sure to be a bloodbath!

Editor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in-print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York! At the time of this writing, it's the first day of spring--but while here in the real world, it's a time for rebirth and new beginnings, things have never been darker or bleaker in the Marvel Universe! A deadly order of some of the most lethal and intelligent vampires in the Marvel Universe--these are a lean, mean, crew of bloodsuckers--have our heroes dead in their sight!

It all kicks off in **BLOOD HUNT #1** from Jed MacKay, the very same writer of the comic book you're holding in your hands **RIGHT NOW!** I've read the scripts for the entire saga, and trust me when I tell you that, especially paired with the peerless Pepe Larraz on illustration, Jed's in his element with **BLOOD HUNT**, and it's going to knock your socks off!

In other words: If you've enjoyed **MOON KNIGHT** so far and don't want to miss a single pulse-pounding

panel of Jed's entire saga, **BLOOD HUNT** is a story you simply cannot afford to miss!

All right, enough plugging! We've got even less space than usual for this one, so let's get right to it with one of my favorite types of letters. From a fan named Weston, this one dives **RIGHT INTO IT** with some questions!

Dear **MOON KNIGHT** team. What is happening with Zodiac? Is Marc going to come back, and if so, will he have a family again with T'gra? Has Khonshu been freed yet, and if so, why hasn't Hunter's Moon alerted the group to it? Is Zodiac going to join the Midnight Mission and become a hero? Could we eventually get Zodiac's background? I read **DARK REIGN ZODIAC** but it felt like he was still a mystery. Is there a reason he is so into his super-villainy? (This is probably just the beginning of my questions, so I'm gonna stop here. I love the **MOON KNIGHT** series, try to stay up-to-date with everything, but it gets hard with the confusion. I hope that the questions will be answered.)

Weston N

I like your style, Weston!

You've clearly been keeping up with Jed's story since the beginning--so, of course, I'm sure you understand that I can't answer too many of them without spoiling what's to come in the series! What I **CAN** say is this: Jed is a **REALLY, REALLY GOOD COMIC BOOK WRITER!** Just last week, Associate Editor Lauren Amaro and I spoke with Jed at length about his plans for what's to come--and I think you, in particular, Weston, are going to like many of the directions he's going in. But beyond that, you'll have to keep reading!

That's all the space we've got for this one, readers, but don't miss our next issue--and don't miss **BLOOD HUNT #1!** On sale now at your local comic shop!

Stay sharp!
Devin
3.20.24



SUNDEATH:
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THIS IS
HOW THE
WORLD ENDS.

THIS IS MY
WORK.

THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
MY WORK.

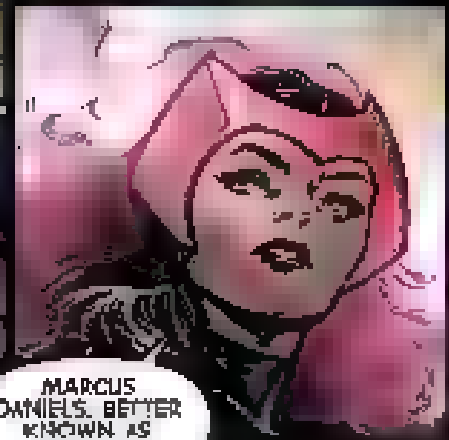
AND AFTER
SO VERY
LONG...

I WILL
COMPLETE IT.

SUNDEATH:
001526
NEW YORK CITY.

IRON MAN
TO SCARLET
WITCH

I'M IN THE AIR,
AND IT'S LOOKING
BAD. WHAT ARE YOU
SEEING ON THE
GROUND?



MARCUS
DANIELS, BETTER
KNOWN AS
BLACKOUT

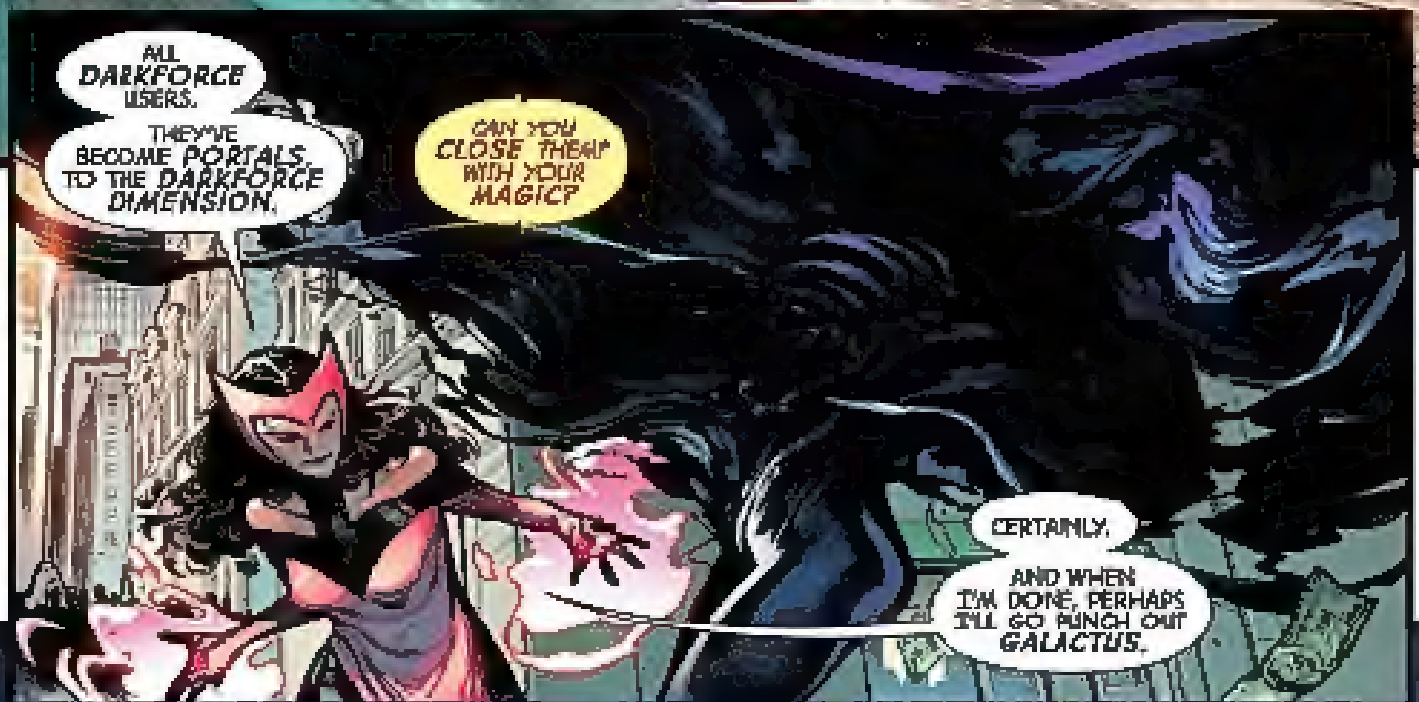
OR AT
LEAST, HE
WAS.



HE WAS
ROBBING A BANK,
AND THEN HE
EXPLODED.

I'M GETTING
SIMILAR REPORTS
AROUND THE
WORLD.

SUPERHUMANS,
ALL—DARKSTAR,
DUSK, SILHOUETTE,
CLOAK—



ALL
DARKFORCE
USERS.

THEY'VE
BECOME PORTALS
TO THE DARKFORCE
DIMENSION.

CAN YOU
CLOSE THEM
WITH YOUR
MAGIC?

CERTAINLY.

AND WHEN
I'M DONE, PERHAPS
I'LL GO PUNCH OUT
GALACTUS.



OKAY,
OKAY.

THIS IS AN ENTIRE
DIMENSION'S ENERGY
FORCING ITS WAY INTO OUR
OWN, FROM MULTIPLE
BREACHES.

I SAID
I GOT
IT.

BUT PERHAPS
YOU CAN CLOSE
THEM WITH YOUR
ROBOT
CLOTHING.

SORRY,
I WAS REALLY
HOPING WE COULD
JUST MAGIC
THIS AWAY.

BECAUSE
WITH ALL THE
DARKFORCE IN THE
ATMOSPHERE—

...WE'VE
LOST THE
SUN.

SUNDEATH:
00:25:19

HUNTER'S
MOON—

—THIS ISN'T
AN ISOLATED
INCIDENT.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE SHROUD
HAS HAPPENED
TO OTHERS?

ALL
ACROSS THE
CITY--

--ACROSS
THE WORLD?
OH GOD, IT CAN'T
BE THE WHOLE
WORLD.

DARKENING
THE SKIES.

HIDING THE
SUN, HIDING THE
MOON.

THIS
ISN'T A
MISHAP.

THIS ISN'T AN
ACCIDENT.



IT'S AN
ATTACK.

VAMPIRES!

DON'T MISS...
BLOOD HUNT #1

BLOOD HUNT

MAY CHECKLIST

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□	AVENGERS #14
□	BLOOD HUNTERS #1
□	DOCTOR STRANGE #15
□	DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #1
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**THE HUNT CONTINUES
IN JUNE...**